[21st February 1955

Tuticorin conspiracy and rioting case

12 noon. * 813 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the special reasons, if any, for constituting special courts to try the Tuticorin conspiracy and rioting case; and

(b) the total expenses incurred by the Government in establishing the special courts and for the trial?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) A special Additional First-class Magistrate was appointed to hold the preliminary enquiry in the case as it was a heavy case with a large number of accused and witnesses and likely to take up a considerable portion of the time of the presiding officer and the file in the Court of the Sub-Magistrate, Tirunelveli, was already heavy.

" (b) Rs. 5,813-11-9."

House-sites for Harijans

* 814 Q.—SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representation was received from the Valluva (Harijan) residents of Sevalaporai village, Gingee taluk, in October 1954, with regard to the assignment of house-sites in the vacant lands lying on the foreshore of Sevalaporai tank, Gingee taluk; and

(b) the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The request could not be complied with due to the objections raised by the Public Works Department, Panchayat Board, and villagers against assignment."

Stakenet fishing

* 815 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolution, dated the 20th October 1954, unanimously passed at a public meeting on the 13th October 1954 at Pazhayangadi, North Malabar, regarding corruption and bribery that took place in the issue of licences to stakenet fishermen on 12th and 13th October 1954 by the Assistant Director of Fisheries, Malabar; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government on the resolution?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) A report has been called for."